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GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS (LIFE GROUP)

- What stood out to you about this message and why?
- How many years passed between God promising Abraham the Promised Land and God leading Joshua to Posses it? How does this relate to the promises of Heaven with us in this world? **(Point I)**
- Where was Israel for 3 days? Why did God have them wait? **(Point II)**
- What 3 things did Joshua lead the people to do during this time of waiting? Why is it so hard to take our eyes off the river (circumstances) and place them on the Ark (God's presence)? **(Point III)**
- What does *surrender* to God look like Does your life look like this? **(Point III)**
- **Is your faith strengthened or crippled during times of waiting? What can help it strengthen during these times? (Point IV)**

NOTES (PERSONAL)

I NEED YOUR HELP!!

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There is an **AWARD** for the selected Title!

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MESSAGE OUTLINE

Title: “ _____ ”

Series: *Joshua: Salvation Through Judgment*

Text: *Key Passage*-> Joshua 3:1-17

Main Idea: **God is present and at work all around us!**

I. Faith is trusting in God's faithfulness to us.

- God's Invitation to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-9)
 - God only showed the land to Abraham (v.7)
- Joshua now stands with Israel to cross over Jordan and possess what was promised **400 years** ago (Joshua 1:1-5)

II. Faith is depending on God's faithfulness (Joshua 3:1-3)

- Israel waits 3 days for God's direction (Vv. 1-2)
 - The Jordan stands before them to remind them the first step is impossible without God (v.15)
 - The *Spies, Rahab* and the *Report* of Jericho all came back before these unfolding 3 days.
 - The verbiage of **3 days** emphasis a time of *waiting* -> *reflection* -> *preparation*.
 - See -> **Psalm 27:14**
- The Ark- God is with them (v.3). **God leads; Israel follows.**
 - See -> **Deuteronomy 31:8 / Matthew 28:18-20**

III. Faith is preparing for God's faithfulness (Joshua 3:4-6)

- Joshua leads the people to do 3 things during this time of waiting:
 - *Submission*: **Look at the Ark, not the River** (v.4)
 - See -> **1 Peter 5:1-11**
 - *Consecration*: God is going to do wonders (v.5)
 - See -> **Exodus 19:10**
 - *Obedience*: Trusting God knows best (v.6)

IV. Faith is surrendering to God's faithfulness (Josh 3:7-13)

- Joshua now gathers the people to hear God's direction as the Priests lead the Ark through them into the River Jordan.
- 12 men from each Tribe / *follow* in surrender
 - Simon carries the cross and *follows* Jesus
 - See -> **Luke 23:27**
 - We too are to *follow* in this surrender
 - See -> **Matthew 10:34-39**

V. Faith is walking in awe of God's faithfulness (Josh 3:14-17)

- Behold our God! (Joshua 2:11) **Trust in His Word, not our sight!**

